

**2017 Council
Minutes of Meeting
March 14, 2017
6:30 PM**

Present: Denny Crutcher, Pastor Joe Poppino, Jim Fields, Marlene Evans, Barb Martin, Bob Cook, Jerome Williams, Rebecca Homan, Marlene Evans, Patrice McCracken and Gail Garrison.

Pastor Joe opened meeting with prayer.

Meeting Called to Order: We began our meeting at 6:30 PM by discussing Chapter 2 of “The Emotionally Healthy Leader”. Actual meeting began at 7:30PM.

Council read our Relational Covenant.

Minute Approvals: Gail Garrison

- Jim Fields made a motion to approve meeting minutes for February 14, 2017 as submitted, second by Pastor Joe. Motion carried with no objections.

Good God Moments: Denny Crutcher

- Barb Martin shared that she spent time with her two-year old granddaughter this week which is always a blessing.
- Pastor Joe told us all that Rebecca coming to our church was a good God moment for him this last month.
- Jim Fields shared that Rebecca’s Mickey Mouse hands are a blessing to us all.
- Marlene Evans shared that her time with Marilyn has blessed her this month.
- Jerome Williams shared that his cousin had taken him to task for not visiting in December – he went to see her last Friday and she was so happy to see him.
- Patrice McCracken shared that her cousin went on vacation with her mom, the dogs and them. Mike was able to avoid a collision in Atlanta.
- Pastor Joe shared that his brother has been clean and sober for six months.
- Rebecca Homan shared that a friend’s daughter had brain surgery last week and is scheduled to go home this week.
- Don Young is doing well.

Action Items:

- All Action Items were updated.

Financial Report: Art T. to Council via email on 03/04/17

- Giving for the month was \$58,126, which is \$17,601 higher than budget for 2017 and \$6,126 higher than February 2016. On a year-to-date basis giving through February 28th totals \$77,942, which is \$3,109 lower than budget for 2017 and \$6,551 higher than 2016.
- Total expenses for the month were \$35,651, which is \$4,918 under budget, largely due to the receipt of a payment for our share of the class action settlement from Duke Energy. Mission Outreach is over budget due to over budget giving for the month.
- On a year-to-date basis, total expenses are \$61,623, which is \$19,514 under budget due to the Duke settlement and under budget spending in all categories.
- Note that an “External Ministry Fund” has been set up as dictated by the 2017 Budget. Each month 1% of our tithes and offerings will be placed in this fund.
- The general fund surplus at February 28, is \$182,218 which is an increase of \$16,623 versus the balance at December 31, 2016.

Financial Summary – Denny Crutcher

- Denny Crutcher made note of the Duke Energy settlement which added to our giving for February.
- Patrice McCracken shared that there is a chance for grant money to use for EMO projects through Fairfield Foundation.
- Barb Martin need 29% of our people to get 80% of our budget. Top 4 donors gave 75% of the General Fund. Of the average 35 giving units in 2016, 22 are retired and/or older than 65.
- Art Tucker set to retire in 17 days. He will continue to serve as our Comptroller.

Ministry Reports – Issues

- Pastors Report
 - Barb Martin questioned what Celebrate Recovery is. Pastor Joe indicated that he wants to get the books so he can investigate and possibly bring a proposal to Council. Pastor Joe still needs to look into this further.
- Treasurers Report
 - No questions
- Christian Formation
 - No questions
- Adult Ministries
 - No questions
- Giving
 - No questions.
- Stewardship and Properties
 - No questions.
- Evangelism, Missions and Outreach
 - No questions.
- Worship Committee
 - No questions

Old/Unfinished Business

- No old business at this time

New Business

February External Tithe – Denny Crutcher

- Council discussed designating our February External Tithe to help the Revival Covenant Church in Columbus. The church who is pastored by John Kareithi, helps refugees coming from the Congo, Burundi and Rwanda. They are in need of everything, rent clothing, etc.

Barb Martin made a motion that our February External Tithe go to the Revival Covenant Church to be used for the refugees that they support. Pastor Joe made the second. Motion carried with no objections.

Line Item Name Changes – Pastor Joe/Denny Crutcher

- Susan Zaffiro questioned if Kristen Buddies could be discussed as to where it should rightfully be listed on the budget. Since Susan is not here this will be tabled until the next meeting or possibly email.
- VBS is currently under Christian Formation on our disbursement form, Pastor Joe will make the correction and move it to EMO.

Delegates to Annual GLC Celebration – Denny Crutcher

- The GLC Celebration is April 28 & 29, 2017 in Grand Rapids, MI. Pastor Joe will also be there on April 27th.
- There will need to be an announcement in the Focus and made on Sunday to the Congregation.
- Pastor Joe noted that Gather is in June this year in Detroit, MI. Gather is the denomination yearly meeting. This is when he will be ordained. We could also set it up in the sanctuary and live stream the service for those who are unable to be attend but would like to see his ordination.

Looking Forward for CCC – Denny Crutcher

- Looking forward for CCC for 3, 5 and 10 years.
- We are looking for ideas to grow the church.
- It could be a bilingual service, upbeat music, more/better parking. Do we want to sell the church and find a location with better parking?
- Denny Crutcher says that we need to find out what millennials are looking for in a church.
- Patrice McCracken shared that new outreach opportunities are coming up for us in the next year.

- Pastor Joe understands that we should be concerned but he is very encouraged by what has happened since he came to the church. Pastor Joe shared that at last month's Fairfield Christian Leaders there were three separate people who do not attend our church that mentioned how much our church is making a difference in the community.
- Jim Fields shared how much he appreciates how Denny Crutcher interacts with our youth, how fortunate that we were when Pastor Joe and now Rebecca came to our church.

Other Business

- Pastor Joe told us that he will be offering Baptism Classes and New Member Classes in April. Baptism classes are March 29th and April 5th at 6:30 PM. This will allow for those who wish to be baptized on Easter Sunday.
- New member classes to be announced soon.
- Bob Cook shared that we have a new elevator contract. The cost went from \$500 to \$1,500 a year but we have also already saved \$2,000 on a recent repair due to the new contract.
- Bob Cook also shared that security training is tomorrow at 4:00 PM. Painting in the sanctuary will also get started.

Rebecca Homan closed our meeting with prayer.

Meeting went to closed session at 9:00 PM.

Next Regular Council meeting –April 1, 2017 - New starting time is 6:30PM

April Lock-up – Patrice McCracken

Minutes Submitted by:

Gail Garrison

Recording Secretary

Action Items

No.	Activity	Responsibility	Status	Comments	Due Date
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1	Background Checks for New Hires	Susan Zaffiro and Denny Crutcher	Open	Will set up time with Jim Jacobs to assist with wording when he returns from Florida.	04/11/17
2	CCW Ohio Law	Denny Crutcher & Pastor Joe	Open	Discernment and listening meetings to be set up for May.	04/11/17
3	Audit 2015 & 2016	Jerome Williams	Open	Chuck Welch, Kathy Ullrich and Gail Garrison set to meet to complete 2016 review.	03/31/17
4	2015 Audit Documents	Gail Garrison	Closed	Email copies of 2015 Audit report to Council Members	03/14/17
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